

We will be closed on Friday 28 June

2024

MATARIKI

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

HAPPY MATARIKI!

NGĀ MIHI O MATARIKI, TE TAU HOU MĀORI



Dunsandel School PTA 2024 Calf Fundraiser

Wanted: Friesian bull calves
(5 white points, no black feet)

- All calves must be NAIT tagged and registered
- Born before 20th August 2024 and 100kg+ on collection
- Calves will be collected mid/late November or can be sold through your agent



A big thank you to all the families who donated calves last year! A total of over \$9,000 was raised which is being used to fund education outside the classroom - real life experiences helping shape a child's life including Year 6 camp to Aoraki Mt. Cook, Year 5/6 ski trip to Porter Heights, class swimming and museum trips, computers in the classroom and our very special PRIDE days! We are hoping we can do it all over again!



Scan this QR code to take you to a Google Form to express interest in donating a calf this year

Virtual Calf Donation option available

\$400 for a whole calf or \$200 for half a calf - each half calf (real or virtual!) gives you one entry into our prize draw

PTA Acc: 02 0860 0040555 002
Ref:calf

For more info: John Michael 0276 291 350 Selene Harvie 022 344 6069
or email ptadunsandel@gmail.com

Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 24 June 2024

PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,
OUR LEARNING AND
OUR COMMUNITY.

Key Information in this Newsletter

- Matariki lunch on Thursday
- School Closed on Friday – Matariki
- No Hot Lunch Friday this week

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

To celebrate Matariki we will be having a Burger Lunch – The feast of Matariki is the theme for Matariki 2024. Children will eat these together as we learn more about Matariki. We will provide the burger, however children will still need to bring other lunch and snack items for the day. We will be closed on Friday for Matariki.

A special thank-you to Katharine Sheppard and our PTA for organising a great Quiz evening at the Dunsandel Community Centre on Friday evening. Thank-you to everyone who supported this event either by entering, sponsoring, making sandwiches, providing cakes or being the Quiz master – very much appreciated!

We have four runners at the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country on Wednesday - good luck to Ezra, Charlie, Pippa and Bonnie as they compete against the best Canterbury has to offer. Run with PRIDE.

Assembly Thank-you to those who came along to our final Friday Assembly for Term 2.

We appreciate the support we get with our Assembly programme.

Hot Lunch Friday – As there is no school on Friday there will be no Hot Lunch Friday this week.

School accounts – School accounts have been sent home today. If you have any questions about your account, please contact the office.

Spoons for Lunches – Some children come to school needing a spoon to eat their lunch - for example, a yoghurt, rice and curry or kiwifruit. We would appreciate it if you could place a spoon or fork in with your child's lunch if they do require one as we do not have spare spoons at school.

School photo orders – School photo orders are due back Thursday 4 July. Payment instructions are on the order form. No eftpos available through the office.

Enjoy the week ahead and I hope everyone has a fantastic Matariki weekend.

Ngā mihi

Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE Awards

Room One – Thea - Thea, you are like a learning superhero. It has been so fun to see you turn into an amazing wee reader and a maths whiz. You have also been showing off your awesome handwriting and word writing skills lately. You work incredibly hard to perfect every letter you learn, which is awesome. Not only that, but you are a super confident speaker and always share all of your amazing weekend stories during news time. Thea you are one groovy girl. Keep up the awesome learning! 😊

Alfie - Alfie you are just a gem. I feel very lucky to be your teacher this year. Your listening superpowers are magical and you always get all of your jobs done without any reminders. You are also a kind and caring friend to the other children in room 1. I know everyone will feel welcome and included when you're around. Not only that, but your learning is zooming along too. Your handwriting is blowing me away lately, as it's so incredibly neat and tidy. Way to go Alfie, you're a star! 😊



Room Two – Arthur - Arthur, this award is because I am so proud of the effort and energy you put into your school days. You are trying so hard with your learning, and you are figuring out some really tricky things. You are reading and writing like a champ and of course we all know how much you love maths! You have shown me that you are a very reliable and dependable boy in our class. I am grateful that you have taken the time to show our new learners how we do things in Room 2. We all love how much you love Imagine Dragons, rugby, maths, animals and of course farming! Keep it up Arthur, you should be very proud of yourself. 😊

Room Three – Ethan - Ethan, you are an awesome member of Room 3. I am so proud of all your hard work with your learning so far this year. You always try your hardest and have great enthusiasm for learning, especially during reading! You have shown great determination and perseverance with your broken arm too. You have a fabulous sense of humour and always manage to make all of us giggle. Thank you for sharing your passions of dinosaurs and kiwis with us, you have taught me lots! Thank you for being such a super star Ethan. We are very lucky to have you in Room 3! 😊

Room Four – Amber - Amber, what a fabulous member of Room 4 you are. I am super impressed with the way you quietly go about your work, busy as a bee and making everything the best it can be and so beautifully presented. You can be proud of the hard work you are putting into learning your basic facts and times tables and I am happy to see you use this knowledge in your PR1ME book.

This determination is shining through in all of your work in the classroom, amber and you are flying along with your learning. Awesome Job!

Room Five – Rishal - Rishal, we are so proud of all of the determination and hard mahi that you have been putting into your learning recently. You are giving everything that you do 110% effort and you are displaying a fabulous work ethic. You are making some fabulous progress with your learning as a result of this hard work and you can be very proud of yourself. We are very lucky to have you in Room 5, Rishal. You are a kind and caring member of our class with a fantastic sense of humour! Keep being you, because you are amazing!

Ella L - Ella, we are so proud of you for always showing Respect and Empathy towards everyone in our school. You are consistently kind, caring and the best kind of friend that anyone could have. You are also a reliable and responsible leader in our school and you take all of your Leadership roles very seriously. We are so enjoying watching your confidence in yourself continue to grow in Room 5 and we cannot wait to see what you achieve throughout the rest of 2024! Keep up the great work, Ella. You are a star!

Term Dates for 2024

[Click here](#) for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.

Buying Uniform

Go to the **Mainland Uniforms** website - personalised page for our school: - <https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school>

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PTA News

Kia ora all!

Thanks to everyone who supported quiz in some way - if you baked, helped make sandwiches, entered a team, quiz-mastered, marked, organised prizes and raffles, donated prizes and sponsorship, tended bar, helped tidy up at the end of the night....the list goes on and on - thank you so much!! We don't have a tally quite yet for how much we raised but hope to have that soon. A great time was had by all - there were a few different sorts of question rounds this year, supper was delicious as usual, costumes were great, and much to our delight the Dunsandel School quiz team retained the trophy (we hugely appreciate your support and are pretty stoked that you clean up at quiz when you're teaching our kiddos!) - special thanks to Mrs R, Miss Harrold, and Mrs Pluck for being excellent sports in the pink cowboy hats marking, Sharne Teepa for organising some sweet prizes for the prize table and awesome raffles, Louise Jordan for tending bar (such a key piece of the puzzle, definitely can't have quiz without that!), Bec Rupp for doing an amazing job as quizmaster again, and my super kitchen and raffle helpers - thanks for giving up so much of your time, it is so appreciated. Last but certainly not least in the quiz department - massive thanks to all of our incredible supporters and donors: Dairy Holdings for covering the hall hire fee, and the following businesses/people for donating either product or money to support our quiz night: Ellesmere Transport, Selwyn Gasfitters, Happers Honda, E.D. Swain Ltd, Chez Barbers, O'Connor Dairies, Douglas Family, Selwyn Rakaia Vets Ltd, Vetlife Ltd, Dunsandel Store, Dunsandel Bar & Cafe, Dunsandel Stop Shop, Bryan & Lynley Thompson, Meadow Mushrooms, Sheat Contracting, Caci Ashburton, Hell Pizza Rolleston, Ray Seebeck & Lynn Swanson, Hazlett Ltd, Hedges & More, Kure, Ashgrove Farm, Wolff Electrical, and Farmlands. Please support these local businesses so that they can keep supporting the school - I've said it before and I'll say it again, we punch well above our weight in terms of fundraising/community support for such a wee town/school, thanks to the amazing support we get from the community.

Food Fundraiser! Yay, here we go again - time to restock the croissants and pies/lasagne in the freezer for a quick and easy breakfast or dinner. Please find a product/order sheet attached to the newsletter - orders have to be in to the school office (or can email us at ptadunsandel@gmail.com) by the last Friday of term (5th July) - product will be available for pick up from school on the 26th of July (also a Friday, first week back of term 3) in the afternoon. The croissants are frozen, as is the Pasta Vera product, but the pies are just chilled - so food must be picked up that afternoon as we don't have room to store it. If you're keen to order but won't be able to make that, see if you can organise for a friend to pick up and store for you until you are back. You can pay with cash (put with your form when you turn in to office) or online banking, our bank details are on the order form - please make sure you pop your cell phone on there so we can remind you on the Thursday about pick up on Friday.

That's all from me this week - that's a novel enough. Super exciting that we're already week 9?!

Until next week,

Katharine

Community News

Exciting Announcement for Parents! Join Us for Our Burnham Matariki Festival This Week!

Get ready for a magical celebration at our upcoming Burnham Matariki Festival on Wednesday, 26 June!

We invite you and your children to immerse yourselves in the spirit of Matariki with an afternoon filled with fun and creativity.

Bring along a pair of your child's jeans or a plain T-shirt, and watch as we hot iron a beautiful STAR transfer onto them—creating a special keepsake for your little ones!

Kids can participate in a variety of Matariki craft activities, where their imaginations can soar and creativity can shine. They will also have the opportunity to place their wishes on our newly created Matariki Tree, symbolising hopes for the future and unity within our community.

Prepare to be captivated by enchanting Matariki stories led by Jade from TE ARA ĀTEA, as she transports us through the legends and traditions surrounding this special time of year.

And don't worry about snacks—we'll be providing delicious kai to keep everyone warm, energised and happy throughout the festivities.

Join us in celebrating Matariki—a time for renewal, reflection, and connection with whānau and community. Let's create memories together and embrace the spirit of this beautiful cultural celebration!

Date: Wednesday, 26 July from 4.30pm - 6.30pm in the Burnham Community Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Spread the word and bring your friends and family along for a fun-filled celebration!



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BALL**

DUNSANDEL SPORTS CENTRE
SATURDAY 13TH JULY
6:30PM - UNTIL LATE

THEME: GREAT GATSBY

LIGHT SNACKS INCLUDED
COURTESY COACH AVAILABLE
PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED


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ADMISSION \$20

FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE
NIGHT, CONTACT MADDIE AT
027 327 7221 TO SECURE YOUR
TICKETS TODAY.

Dunsandel School PTA Food Fundraiser 2024

**Naked Baker Family Pies,
9 flavours, \$8.50 each**



**Frozen
Croissants,
20/bag, \$26**

Pasta Vera frozen lasagne/tortellini/gnocchi



Beef Lasagne
6 Pieces | \$27.20



Beef Lasagne
3 KG Tray | \$43.45



**Gluten Free Beef
Lasagne**
6 Pieces | \$32.30



**Vegan Gluten Free
Lasagne**
6 Pieces | \$34.40



**Pumpkin,
Spinach & Feta
Lasagne**
6 Pieces | \$32.30



**Tortellini
Chicken**
1 KG Bag | \$21.45
**or Spinach &
Feta**
1 KG Bag | \$19.65



**Potato
Gnocchi**
1 KG Bag | \$13.80



Macaroni Cheese
6 Pieces | \$26.95
(Vegetarian)

